

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SURGICAL KNIFE

(Attorney Docket No. 2491) the specification of which:

(XX) is attached hereto.

() was filed by an authorized person on my behalf on _____, as Application Serial No. _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), including such information which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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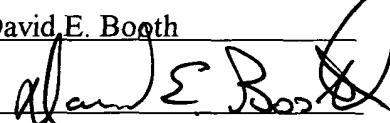
Trademark Office connected therewith. I specifically authorize the above-listed attorneys to add the Application Serial Number to this Declaration and Power of Attorney, once one has been assigned.

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